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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
USEFUL PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF  
DECOMPOSITION OF PLASTICS BY  
MICROORGANISMS

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated April 18, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks only.